Distribution of Foddgrains in Bihar

762. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL. SUPPLIES be pleased *to* state-

(a) what was the month-wise demand and supply of foodgrains through Public Distribution System in-respect of Bihar during the year 1986;

(b) the steps Government, propose to take to ease the situation of nonavailability of foodgrains at Fair Price shops in Bihar; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that these supplies reach to beneficiaries and are not. diverted to black market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD ' AND *CIVIL* SUPPLIES! (SHRI GHULAM NABI. AZAD): (a) A statement showing the demand, allotment and offtake of rice and wheat in respect of Bihar during the year i986 *U* enclosed.. (See below).

(b) and (c) At a meeting taken by the Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Food & Civil Supplies on 14-12-1986 at Patna, it was, *inter alia,* decided that in order to make the functioning of the Public Distribution System in Bihar more effective, more 'godowns for storage of foodgrains would be constructed, adequate stocks of foodgrains would be maintained in •Bihar, supplies of foodgrains to Bihar would be stepped up and additional financial assistance would be given to the Government of Bihar for purchase of mobile vans. Steps have already been taken to implement the above decisions. Central Government has from time, to time been impressing upon the State Governments; including the Government of Bihar' to strengthen and streamline the Public Distribution System in, the State considering "that the overall effectiveness of the PDS depends. to a great extent on the extent of linkages at the State/District/Block/Village levels for storing, transportation and distribution of essential commodities. State Governments, including Bihar, have also been requested to set. up consumer advisory and vigilance committees at various levels including fair price shop levels for ensuring equita-able distribution of eessential commodities to the beneficiaries.

Statements

Month	Demand	Allot-ment	' Off-take
Rice '	.		
1986			
January.....	 50-0	-, 250	1-5
February....	 500	250	11
		250	1-7
April..	. «..... 500	25-0	26
May.	 500	250	5-1
June		25-0	3-5
July..	. .. 500	25-0	6-2
August....	 500	25-0	6-4

Month		Demand	Allot-'ment	Offtake
		. 50-0	25-0	6-1
October.	..	., 50-0	25-0	7-9
November.		.. 500	250	4-3
	TOTAL:	.. 500	25-0	4'3
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Wheat:		.		
1986 /			,	
January...		100. 0	72-0	28-0)
		. 100. 0	72-0	21-9
March		100. 0	72-0	30-1
		100. 0	72-0	9-5
May..		100. 0	72-0	181
June •		100. 0	72-0	14-2..
July		100. 0	72: 0	17-8
		. 100. 0	. '72-0	28-7
September'		.., 100. 0,	72-0	34-6
October..		.. 100. 0.	72. 0	42-4,
November..		.. 100. 0	72-0	37-8
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Improvement in Public Distribution System In Bihar

763. SHM S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL ' SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that he had visited Bihar "recently and-discussed with the State Government officials about the effective improvement in the Public Distribution System in that State;

(b) if so, whether demands have been made that the State should be supplied with all the 7 subsidised t items for which the Ministry is res ponsible and which are already being distributed, in some Metropolitan Cities;,

(c)whether it is also a fact that some of the State Governments at times are not able to lift the supplies made and if so, whether such a situation had arisen with, the Government of Bihar also; and

(d)what steps are being taken to ease the situation so that the highly subsidised items of foodgrains are really supplied to the people and sys tem works effectively?